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**CLOCK TICKING ON FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM**  
**State and Local Governments Should Get Info to FEMA Now**

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Time is running out for applicants seeking benefits of FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Pilot Program. The final day of the program is New Year's Eve, December 31.

Applicants would include state and local governments and certain private nonprofits who incurred debris removal costs following a disaster.

The program temporarily waived certain regulations and allowed state and local governments to seek both overtime and non-overtime labor costs related to removal of disaster debris. After the deadline, only overtime labor costs will be eligible for reimbursement.

**Applicants are strongly urged to get the necessary information to FEMA as soon as possible.** The Public Assistance process takes time and this money has to be **obligated** by December 31.

Obligating funds is the process by which FEMA makes federal funds for a specific project available to the State for applicant reimbursement. This can only occur once the necessary information has been received and approved. By law, any applications that have not had funds obligated before the deadline will not be under the Pilot Program's reimbursement guidelines.

Indiana applicants with questions regarding this program should contact FEMA Public Assistance at 317-570-3000.

*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*

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